

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Department of Corrections

Oregon State Penitentiary and Geriatric Housing

To: Ways and Means Full Committee

From: Public Safety Subcommittee

Carrier: Senator Manning

On February 5th, the Public Safety Subcommittee received a report from the Department of Corrections with an update on the plans to replace the Oregon State Penitentiary and address additional geriatric capacity.

A \$3 million General Fund appropriation was included in HB 5004, the Department of Corrections' budget bill during the 2025 legislative session, for planning the replacement of the Oregon State Penitentiary in Salem and incorporating new geriatric capacity to address specialty medical bed needs across the state. The bill included a budget note requesting project progress reports.

The agency estimates that replacing the current 2,250 beds of the State Penitentiary would need to include 1,000 new specialty care beds and 1,250 general population beds to meet agency needs for "geriatric" housing, which includes specialty medical care for adults in custody not just based on age but also other issues. The report included data on the current geriatric population and the impacts to safety, staffing, legal risk, and the community as project planning progresses.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends acknowledging receipt of the report.